216. The number of Advocates enrolled during the year was 129 (250) bringing the total number on the roll at the end of the year to 1,830 (1,701) of whom 191 were from outside Mysore State.

Legal Practitioners.

217. The total number of Pleaders on the last day of the year was 1,360 (1,212); the number newly enrolled was 148 (29) and 66 (13) Pleaders were enrolled as Advocates.

218. The law applicable to Pleaders is different in the several integrated areas of the State. For the present, enrolments of Pleaders in the several integrated areas were being governed by the provisions of the Acts and Rules of the respective States.

(vi) Criminal Justice

High Court

General

219. As a consequence of the Re-organisation of the States, the High Court of Mysore, which was functioning prior to 1st November 1956 as a Part B State High Court, was abolished with effect from 1st November 1956 and the present High Court for the New State of Mysore was established from that date.

Jurisdiction

220. The High Court for the New State of Mysore was exercising the same Appellate and other jurisdictions in respect of the territories included in the New State as was being exercised by the High Court of the former State of Mysore.

Summary of Judicial Work

221. The judicial work on the criminal side done by the High Court during the year was as follows :—

Nature of Cases	1955-56			1956-57		
	For disposal	Disposed of	Pending	For disposal	Disposed of	Pending
Criminal Appeals	198	139	59	540	99	441
Ref. u/s 269 (4) Cr. P.C. ...	...	...	...	4	4	...
Do 307 Cr. P.C.	1	1	...	1	...	1
Do 341 ,, ...	2	1	1	1	...	1
Do 374 ,, ...	2	2	...	15	1	14
Do 432 ,, ...	2	1	1	1	...	1
Do 438 ,, ...	3	3	...	...	...	...
Do 526 (e) ,, ...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Revision Cases	29	23	6	47	11	36
Revision Petitions ...	567	448	119	643	356	287
Criminal Petitions	425	348	77	573	413	160
Cases under the Contempt of Courts Act.	13	6	7	10	1	9
Total ...	1,242	972	270	1,836	886	950

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222. The average duration of the 99 Criminal appeals involving 146 persons disposed of during the year was 225·5 (331·6) days. Out of the appeals disposed of, in 52 appeals involving 61 persons the convictions and sentences were confirmed, in 16 involving 17 persons the sentences were reduced or altered, in 29 involving 66 persons the sentences were reversed and in two involving two persons new trial or further enquiry were ordered.

223. In 12 out of the 14 appeals disposed of against the orders of acquittal, the orders of the lower courts were upheld, in two new trial or further enquiry were ordered.

224. The number of copies of judgments and orders of the lower courts received in the High Court during the year was 900 (1,052) and they were scrutinised and action taken when necessary.

Courts Subordinate to the High Court.

225. The number of Judges and Magistrates exercising original jurisdiction at the end of the year in the Old Mysore State was 53 (60).

Seven Sessions Judges (including the Additional Sessions Judges, Bangalore and Mysore).
Two Additional Sessions Judges.
Nine District Magistrates.
Twenty-five Special Magistrates and
Ten Munsiff-Magistrates.

226. The number of Criminal Courts in the Bellary District was 10.

227. The number of officers exercising appellate or original jurisdiction on the criminal side in the integrated areas was 101.

Receipts and Charges.

228. The receipts of the criminal courts other than the High Court in the Old Mysore State amounted to Rs. 6,88,629-62 (Rs. 6,32,182-78) and the charges to Rs. 4,50,969-55 (Rs. 4,65,193-13).

229. There was considerable increase in the number of offences reported during the year in the Old Mysore State, *viz.*, 99,766 (87,158).

230. The total receipts and charges of the criminal courts in the Bellary District was Rs. 94,936-64 and Rs. 45,909-97 respectively and of the integrated areas from 1st November 1956 to 31st March 1957 amounted to Rs. 1,41,709-6 and Rs. 3,89,665-73 respectively.

Persons Brought to Trial.

231. Including the persons awaiting trial at the close of the previous year, the number of persons brought to trial in the Magistrates' Courts in the Old Mysore State was 1,27,873 (1,26,036). The total number of persons convicted was 86,191 (81,804) and of persons acquitted or discharged was 24,798 (27,055). The proportion of persons convicted to those acquitted or discharged was 77·7 to 22·3 (75·1 to 24·9).

Offences Punishable Under Special and Local Laws.

232. The number of persons brought to trial under Special and Local Laws in the Old Mysore State was 88,031 or 68·5 per cent of the total number of persons brought to trial (against 75,784 or 60·1 per cent) of whom 77,956 or 91·5 per cent were convicted.

District Magistrates' Courts.

233. During the year, the District Magistrates in Old Mysore State had for disposal 3,877 cases involving 7,107 persons of whom, 3,420 cases involving 5,601 persons were disposed of.

234. The Stipendiary Magistrates other than the District Magistrates had to deal with 92,324 cases involving 1,20,766 persons (against 91,486 cases involving 1,26,033 persons). Of these, 87,947 cases involving 1,09,995 persons (against 86,458 cases involving 1,12,784 persons) were disposed of.

235. In the courts of the District Magistrates the average duration of cases disposed of was 71·6 days and in the courts of the other Stipendiary Magistrates it was 39·7 days.

236. The total number of cases pending over six months was also reduced from 748 to 684.

Examination of Witnesses.

237. The total number of witnesses examined in the Courts of the Magistrates and of the Sessions Judges was 37,253 (57,676).

Juvenile Offenders.

238. The number of Juvenile Offenders brought before the Courts of the Magistrates and of the Sessions Judges in the Old Mysore State was 2,033 (1,754). The number convicted was 1,895 (1,643). Of those convicted, 113 (62) were dealt with under the provisions of Section 562 of the Cr. P.C. and 1,166 (1,225) were fined. The number of persons imprisoned was 616 (356).

Sessions Work.

239. The number of cases for trial before the Courts of Sessions in the Old Mysore State was 216 involving

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495 persons (against 204 cases involving 418 persons) of which, 175 cases involving 363 persons (against 158 cases involving 321 persons) were disposed of.

240. The average duration of Sessions Cases disposed of was 74·2 (75·6) days.

241. Out of 15 Sessions Cases for disposal, 12 were disposed of during the year in the Bellary District.

242. Out of 280 Sessions Cases, 179 were disposed of during the year in the integrated areas from 1st November 1956 to 31st March 1957.

Appeals.

243. The appellate courts in the Old Mysore State subordinate to the High Court had to deal with 899 (1,060) appeals. Of these, 688 appeals relating to 1,058 persons (against 836 relating to 1,334 persons) were disposed of. The average duration of appeals disposed of was 196·2 (131·0) days.

244. Out of 87 (50) Criminal Appeals, 66 (41) were disposed of during the year in the Bellary District.

245. Out of 564 Criminal Appeals, 312 were disposed of during the year in the integrated areas from 1st November 1956 to 31st March 1957.

Revision.

246. The number of Revision Cases disposed of out of 364 cases pending before the Session Judges and District Magistrates in the Old Mysore State during the year was 101 (111) and 159 (85) respectively. The average duration of Revision Cases disposed of by the Sessions Judges and District Magistrates was 91 (93·9) and 56 (82·6) days respectively.

Punishments.

247. Three persons were sentenced to death and 23 (42) persons were sentenced to transportation for life by the Sessions Judges. The total number of persons sentenced to undergo imprisonment was 7,600 (6,339). Of these, 7,144 (5,780) were sentenced to imprisonment for six months and under and the remaining 456 (559) for longer periods.

248. The number of persons fined was 78,666 (73,620). The total amount of fine imposed was Rs. 7,32,680-29 (Rs. 7,11,256-28) and the amount realised was Rs. 6,05,570-63 (Rs. 5,52,322-70).

249. In connection with the implementation of the scheme of separation of the Judiciary from the Executive

in the State, 10 posts of Civil Judges and District Magistrates were created. A separate Court of Civil Judge and District Magistrate was established at Bangalore and Mysore and the Court of the Subordinate Judge, Shimoga and the Courts of the Additional Subordinate Judge and I Class Magistrates at the other District Headquarters were replaced by the Courts of the Civil Judge and District Magistrates with effect from 1st June 1956.

250. The essential feature of the scheme of separation of the Judiciary from the Executive was the transfer of the functions which are essentially judicial from the Deputy Commissioners and Magistrates subordinate to him to judicial officers who would not be under the control of the Deputy Commissioners. As a further consequence, the Deputy Commissioners were designated as Additional District Magistrates.

251. While sanctioning the redistribution of the jurisdictions of the courts as recommended by the High Court, the Government abolished the Court of the Munsiff-Magistrate, Krishnarajanagar with effect from 1st July 1956.